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Child Maltreatment

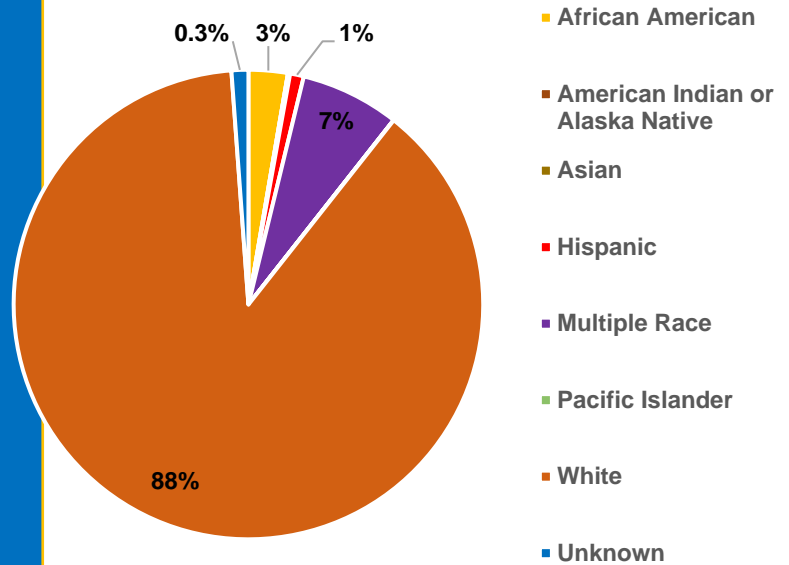
In 2020, West Virginia had **37,695** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **26,572** were referred for investigation.ⁱ

There were **6,116** child victims of abuse or neglect in West Virginia in 2020, at a rate of **17.2** children per 1,000. This translates to a **3.0%** increase since 2016.ⁱⁱ

Of the **6,116** children, **5,029** were first time victims.ⁱⁱⁱ

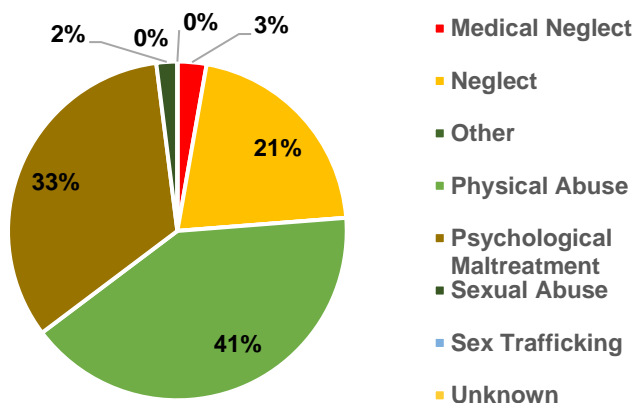
The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **1,140** of the **6,116**.^{iv}

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2020



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Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



- **75%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. **25%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.^{vi}

- **51%** of West Virginia's child victims in 2019 were female while **48%** were male.^{vii}

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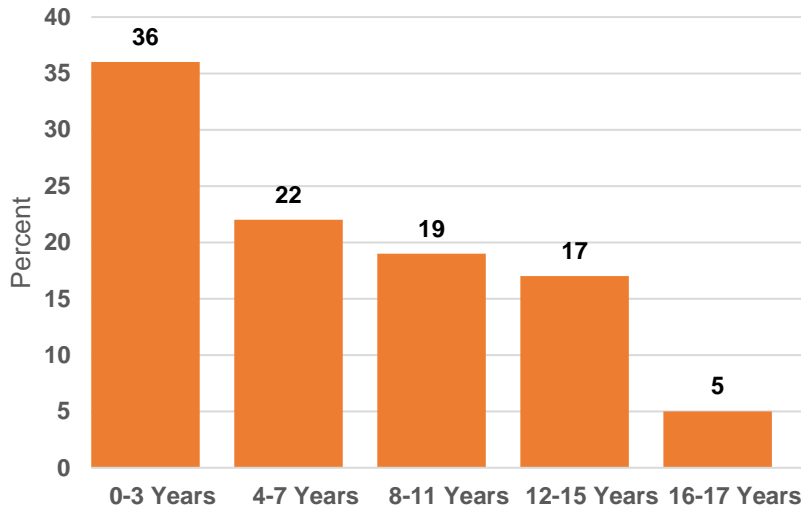
Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, West Virginia reported **712** infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.^{ix}
- West Virginia reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.^x



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Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



• Child fatalities decreased in 2020 from **17** in 2019 to **12** in 2020.^{xi}

• West Virginia did not report the number of sex trafficking victims for 2020.^{xii}

• **6,710** victims received post-response services while **6,104** non-victims received post-response services as well.^{xiii}

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Foster Care and Adoptions

- **11,849** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- **7,334** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2020.
- **4,707** children entered care during the 2020 FY while **4,515** exited during the same year.
- **1,683** of West Virginia's children were adopted while **2,705** were waiting to be adopted.^{xv}

There was a **.2%** increase in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system also increased **.9%** from 2019 to 2020.^{xvi}

39.3%
Increase since
2018 in children
aging out of
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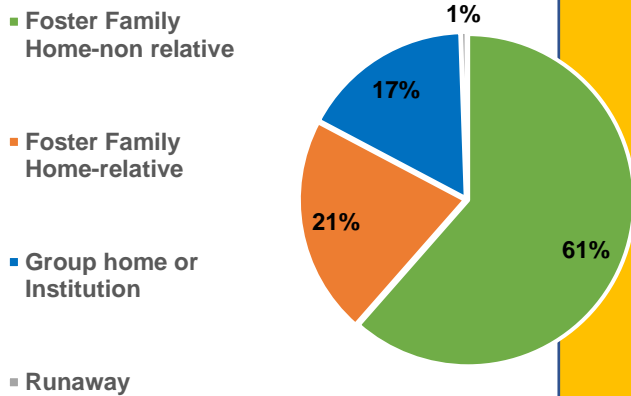
96 children in West Virginia aged out and exited foster care in 2020. This is an increase from **85** in 2019 and represents a **12.9%** increase.^{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of **14.6** months in care. ^{xviii}
- The average length of stay in West Virginia for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is **22.0** months.^{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was **7.4** years old.^{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was **6.3** years old.^{xxi}



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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?



Data from 2019 shows that **4,266** children in foster care in West Virginia were living with non-relatives while **1,477** stayed with a relative (See Pie Chart).^{xxii}

1,161 children were staying in group homes while **37** children were classified as runaways.^{xxiii}

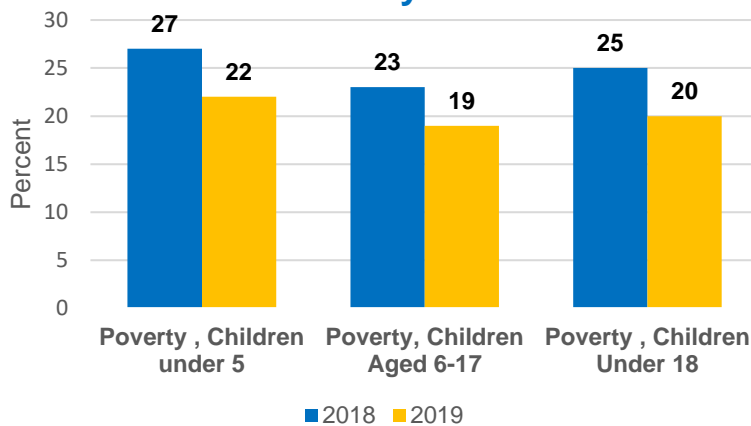
2% of households in West Virginia in 2020 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.^{xxiv}

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was **4.5 months**.^{xxv}

Child Poverty

West Virginia had **123,000** children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **34%** of all children.^{xxvi}
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Child Poverty Over Time



20% of West Virginia's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.^{xxviii}

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from **12,470** in 2019 to **11,809** in 2020. This represents an **5.3%** decrease.^{xxix}
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The state spent **\$14,804,589** on WIC in 2021, serving **32,949** people. This represents a **2.6%** decrease in total participants and a **.3%** increase in spending.^{xxxi}

242,180 people in West Virginia were food insecure in 2019, including **68,310 children** who struggled with hunger.^{xxxii}

37.3% of households receiving SNAP benefits in West Virginia in 2019 had children.^{xxxiii}



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Health

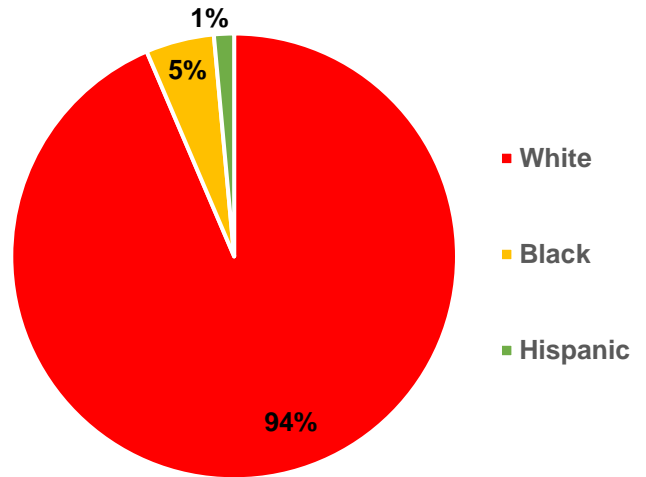
West Virginia had **1,772** low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **9.8%** of infants born in West Virginia in 2019. ^{xxxiv}

West Virginia had a total of **2,281** preterm births in 2019, meaning completed less than 37 weeks of gestation. **12.5%** of all white babies were born premature while **17.6%** of all black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was **12.6%**. ^{xxxv}

There were **1,287** births to mothers aged 15-19 in West Virginia in 2019, representing a rate of **25** in every 1,000 teen girls. ^{xxxvi}

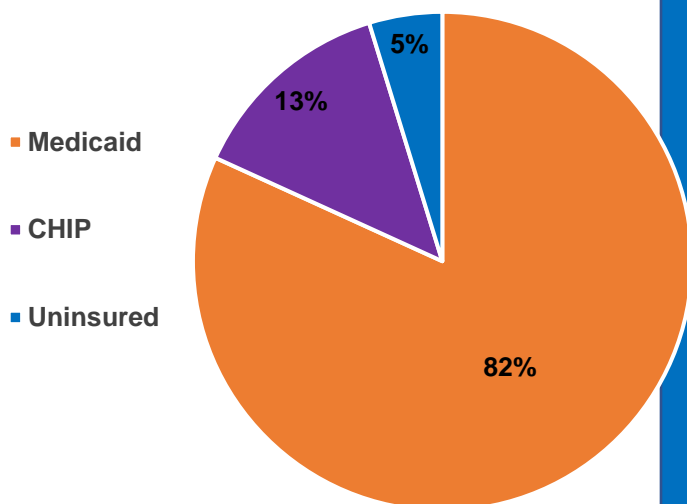
112 infants under one died in West Virginia in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of **6.2** per 1,000. ^{xxxvii}

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2019



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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020



3.5% of West Virginia's children had no health insurance in 2019. This represents **13,000** children. West Virginia is a Medicaid expansion state. ^{xxxix}

224,225 children in West Virginia were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents a **2.1%** decrease from 2019. ^{xl}

36,869 children in West Virginia were in the state Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a **7.6%** decrease from 2019. ^{xli}



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1.9%
increase since
2017 of children
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Juvenile Justice System

- There were **292** total arrests for children under 18 in West Virginia in 2019.
- **8** of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- **29** arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- **53** were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.^{xlii}
- **483** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in West Virginia in 2019. This is an increase from **474** kids in 2017, representing a **1.9%** increase.^{xliii}

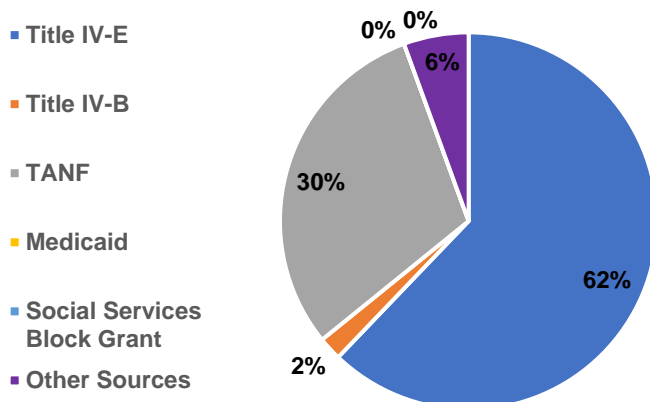
Teens & Youth

- **8,000** (9%) of West Virginia's youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.^{xliv}
- In 2020, there were **no** reports of children in West Virginia aged 10-14 committing suicide, and **no** reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.^{xlv}
- **17** children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in West Virginia in 2020.^{xlvi}

Child Welfare Services Funding

West Virginia spent **\$245,419,044.74** on child welfare services in 2018. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families. **\$187,593,061.00** were allocated from the federal government and **\$55,310,885.00** came from state and local funds.^{xlvii}

Federal Funding Sources



The breakdown of the **\$187,593,061.00** in federal funding received in West Virginia in 2018 (See Pie Chart).^{xlviii}

- **\$4,398,645** as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- **\$38,893,604** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.^{xlix}
- West Virginia's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was **\$19,849,637.**^l



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